FACILITIES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

Giant Forest Area

GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400' (1950m) elevation. Home of the world's biggest trees, it offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking, cross-country skiing, or snowshoeing trails. See highlights on page 6.

• Giant Forest Museum (NPS): Daily 9am-4:30pm. Exhibits about the Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 1-559-565-4480. No payphone; closest are at Lodgepole & Wolverton (don't rely on cell phones).

CRYSTAL CAVE - REOPENS NEXT SUMMER

One of the highlights of the park! Tours are expected to begin May 9. I-559-565-425I or www.sequoiahistory.org for more information. Be sure to return for a summer tour.

Lodgepole Area

LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700' (2040 m) elevation. A few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River.

INFORMATION (NPS)

- Wilderness Permits: Required for backcountry overnight trips. Self-isssue outside on the front of the visitor center. See page 4 for details. I-559-565-3766.
- Visitor Center: Closed until spring. Exhibits on geology & forest life; books; maps; first aid.

PAY TELEPHONES

• In Lodgepole Village: Outside visitor center & market (cell phone signals are usually poor).

FOOD & SHOPS (DNCPR) - Closed until spring:

- Lodgepole Market, Gift Shop, & Laundry: Reopens April 2009.
- Snack Bar: Reopens May 2009.

OTHER SERVICES

- Post Office: Weekdays 8am-ıpm & 2-4pm. 1-559-565-3678. Lobby with stamp machine open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.
- Lodgepole Campground (NPS): Open all year. Details on page 11.
- Showers (DNCPR): Closed; reopen in May 2009, 9am-1pm & 3-5:45pm.

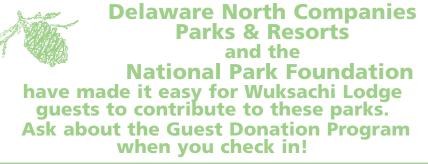
WUKSACHI LODGE & DINING ROOM

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Open year-round 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the General Sherman Tree. The center for lodging, food services, and cross-country ski & snowshoe rentals in Sequoia Park.

PAY TELEPHONES: Downstairs at the main lodge. Cell phone signals are usually poor.

FOOD, SHOPS & LODGING (DNCPR) - Hours increase late May.

- Dining Room: Daily: 7:30-9:30am; 11:30am-2:30pm; 5-8:30pm. Dinner reservations required. Box lunches available. 1-559-565-4070. Lounge daily 4:30-8:30pm.
- Gift Shop: Daily 8am-8pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, snacks.
- Wuksachi Lodge: See page 10 for details. Front desk 24 hours.
- Alta Market & Ski Shop: Ski & snowshoe rentals & food: Daily roam-6pm downstairs in the lodge. Once snow falls, hot & cold drinks, snacks, food, snowplay equipment & toys for sale.



Wolverton Snowplay Area

Sledding hills two miles (3.2 km) north of the Sherman Tree. After storms, it may take several hours for plows to open the area.

- Be safe & considerate! Every year we see very serious injuries. Safety tips: Use devices that are steerable. Don't sled or ski into roads. Steer clear of trees, rocks, people, and other obstacles. See safety information on page 5.
- Cross-country skis & snowshoes are rented, and snowplay gear, snacks, and hot drinks sold at Wuksachi (see left column).
- Snowplay is prohibited in park residential areas, the Sherman Tree Trail area, and other areas as signed.
- Pay telephone is outside the building next to the restroom building. Dial 911 in emergencies. Cell phone signals are poor.

Foothills Area

500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. Oaks, chaparral, & river canyons; hot summers & snow-free winters; & the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is at Ash Mountain.

- Visitor Center (NPS): Daily 8am-4:30pm. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits. 1-559-565-3135.
- Potwisha Campground (NPS): Year-round. Details on page II.
- Pay Telephones (cell phone signals are usually poor): Foothills Visitor Center near front door, Potwisha Campground, Hospital Rock Picnic Area (on restroom wall).

Mineral King Area

The road to this area is closed November 1 through late May.

NOTE: Mineral King Road is gated at the park boundary (about 9 miles from Highway 198). With a permit from the Foothills Visitor Center (see hours above), visitors can go through this gate as far as the old winter gate, another 8 miles up (weather permitting). The end of the road is 8 miles beyond that.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. A subalpine valley at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road. When it is open, no RVs, buses, or trailers, please. No electricity or gas; no drinking water in campgrounds in fall.

- Ranger Station (NPS): Closed for season. Self-register for wilderness permits on the porch.
- Pay Telephones: Cold Springs Campground, Sawtooth parking area. Cell phone signals are usually poor.
- Silver City Mountain Resort: Closed through late May. Cabins, chalets, bakery, showers, small store (gifts, limited supplies & ice; no gasoline or fishing licenses), restaurant. Pay telephone. 1-559-561-3223; winter 805-528-2730; www.silvercityresort.com.
- Camping (NPS): No RVs or trailers. Details: page 11.

FREE NATURE PROGRAMS IN SEQUOIA PARK

Usually offered on weekends and holidays.

Ask at visitor centers and see local bulletin boards for times, locations, and topics.

IN THE GIANT FOREST & WUKSACHI LODGE:

Rangers may offer walks and talks from late December through early April. Snowshoe walks are offered once enough snow falls, (snowshoes provided free). Group size is limited; make reservations at any visitor center or call 1-559-565-4480. Snowshoeing may be strenuous and difficult for small children. Not enough snow? Look for alternate programs.

IN THE FOOTHILLS:

Starting in March: Watch for weekend wildflower walks.